

MEDICINE MEN: THE FRIEND OF THE BUFFALO:

I'm going to tell a story--little bit. This is James Haumpy. I'm getting old now. I'm seventy-two years old. I got a story way back there. I was 1897. That's way back there. And I remember all what happened way back there. Now, I'm going to tell a story about 200 years ago. I had a father, my daddy was 89 years old and he died, and he was always telling me stories way back there. His daddy and his grandpa--that's about two hundred years ago. Well, way back there, only Indians around this world, I mean this country. No white mans. They live on buffalo meat, that's they live--deers, wild deers, wild turkeys. At that time, we got everything, grapes, plums, wild potatoes, wild sweet potatoes. Now we had everything to eat. God make that way. We don't go hungry. We don't have to buy. We go out kill animals. That's lots of meat, buffalo.--At that time we have--that time there ain't no doctors, white doctors, no pills, no shots, no dopes. But one thing, they have tobacco smoke. My daddy tell me to smoke, going somewhere--I don't know, he didn't tell me where it at. That's wild smoke. They get it over there and they mix up leaves, wild leaves, make good smoke out of it--sweet. Like all kinds of smoke they got now. That time, ain't no doctors, but we have Indian doctors. They known as medicine men. When they doctor you they'll know you through you body. They got a power. Gall stones...ache, heart trouble, all kinds. Now, my grandpa, his name Black-bear, he says he's one great medicine man. I seen him. Now a person died and 250 years ago, about that, that's way back there--person died and two days he wake him up, he come back to life. That's the hardest thing to do. Now today there ain't nobody do that. Them times, way back there, the medicine man they friend to everything. Snakes, all kinds of bugs, birds--they get power from them. They friends to buffalos, everything in the world. Deers, elk, bears, tigers--They go hunting for buffalo one time. There was a bunch of them. They had find a bunch of buffalos there, and there was one man,